THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Government of West Bengal has suggested that suitable constitutional safeguards may be provided for strengthening the autonomous character of the Darjeeling Gorkha Autonomous Hill Council.

Tripartite meeting of D.G.H.C.

1202. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on 7th February, 2001 a tripartite meeting was convened to discuss the modalities of reviewing DGHC accord;

(b) whether Chairman of Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council demanded inclusion of DGHC in Sixth Schedule of the Constitution; and

(c) the details of decisions taken in the meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) A Tripartite meeting took place on 7.2.2001 between Government of India, Government of West Bengal and representatives of Darjeeling Gorkha Autonomous Hill Council (DGAHC) to review the implementation of the Memorandum of Settlement (Darjeeling Accord) of 1988 and other development issues.

(b) and (c) While reviewing the implementation of the Accord, the demand for inclusion of Darjeeling hill areas in Sixth Schedule was also discussed and it was decided that DGAHC would submit a detailed proposal in this regard through the Government of West Bengal.

Training for Delhi Police

1203. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police is going to teach its staff as to how it should talk and deal politely with common man;

(b) whether a programme funded by United Nations Development Fund will be utilised for this purpose;

(c) the main features of the above programme; and

(d) by when this training will be started,

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) How to behave courteously and politely with the public forms an integral part of the training imparted to the police personnel.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. A police district of Delhi has been selected for inclusion in the UNDP sponsored Project called "Improving Organisation and Management of Law Enforcement System in India", which aims to develop a professionally oriented enforcement system in the Police Force at all levels.

Suicide strikes in Indian cities

1204. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Masood outfit threatens suicide strikes in Indian cities" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 31st December, 2000;

(b) if so, whether Government have any information in this regard; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps taken to check such strikes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Government has seen the news report. Although there are no specific inputs to corroborate the contents of the news item, there are reports that militant outfits including "Jaish-e-Mohammadi', a terrorist outfit floated by Masood Azhar, have been making concerted efforts to raise suicide squads for subversive activities in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the country.

(c) From time to time, the Government has been sensitizing the State Government about the threat preception with regard to acitivites of militant groups. Periodic coordination meetings are also held with the State Governments for sharing the inputs from various quarters as well as for devising strategies to counter such activities. Assistance is also provided to State by way of deployment of para military forces and release of funds for modernizing the State police forces.